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All Aboard!

Excursion Trains are Running

Memorial Day Weekend at Railtown 1897

Saturday, May 24 thru Monday, May 26

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – To kick off the summer season in rail-related style, popular weekend excursion trains will be running all three days of the Memorial Day holiday weekend -- May 24, 25 and 26, 2014 -- at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown. As a highlight on Saturday and Sunday, steam-powered excursion train rides behind Sierra No. 3 are available; then on Monday, visitors have the opportunity to take a ride behind a vintage diesel locomotive. For all three days of the holiday weekend, the prized Caboose No. 7 will be open for tours and, as a special treat, local musician Jim Nelson of the Black Irish Band will be aboard the trains playing banjo, guitar and vocals.

Excursion trains will depart on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, delighting visitors from near and far during a six-mile, 45-minute round trip ride along the rails of the famous "Movie Railroad," passing through California's scenic Gold Country.

Tickets for the weekend excursion train rides during the holiday weekend are \$15 for adults, \$8 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. All train ride tickets include Park admission and are now available for advance purchase online as well as at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the ride (based on availability). For more information, call 209-984-3953 or visit www.railtown1897.org.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides on weekends April-October and on Wednesdays July 2 through August 27, 2014 (with special trains on select dates in November-December). Known as "The Movie Railroad," the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day) and the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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